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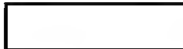
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TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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It is not necessary that we request a transfer of funds for the purposes you have in mind at this time. I agree with you, however, that it is imperative or, to say the least, prudent that we get the concurrence of the Comptroller at this time.

I suggest, therefore, that our memorandum request authority for and concurrence in proposed letters of intent which we might justify in this fashion: As you may recall budget estimates submitted to you by Office of Training for fiscal year 1953 included in part approximately \$118,000. for the purpose of conducting External Training Programs in order to improve the capabilities of personnel of this Agency. It has now become apparent that at least a part of the Agency's needs in this regard can be better satisfied and more promptly satisfied by a technique different than that originally contemplated. This would be achieved by bringing to the Agency certain area programs which would normally be available only at one or more universities or specialized educational centers.

It is apparent that planning and tentative commitments to obtain this objective must proceed without delay if material objectives will be realized in fiscal year 1953. This is apparent upon consideration of the fact that faculties and other experts qualified to conduct the training contemplated, are only available during the months of June through August.

It is not intended that expenditures of 1953 funds would be made or obligated prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year. It is necessary, however, that tentative or conditional commitments be entered into with individuals and/or institutions at the earliest possible date so that if funds are appropriated, security clearances and other administration approvals may have been obtained during this fiscal year, thus permitting the program to be launched without delay during the fiscal year 1953. Your concurrence in this matter is requested.

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